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PLEASE PASS A - JOHN M. THOMAS

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SUBJ PROPOSED LEASES FOR EAST GERMANY

REF: STATE 176400; BERLIN 1376

1. UNIT RATES USED IN COMPUTATION OF RENTS ARE SAME ONES QUOTED TO BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS IN EAST BERLIN. MANY OF THE WESTERN MISSIONS CONTINUE TO RESIST THESE RATES AND BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MAY IN TIME ACHIEVE MODEST REDUCTION. COMMENT: GDR HAS HOWEVER STEADFASTLY RESISTED WESTERN PRESSURES FOR ALMOST A YEAR, CLAIMING RENTS ARE FIXED BY GDR LAW. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FRENCH REFUSAL TO SIGN LEASES AND PAY REQUESTED RENTS HAS RESULTED IN REFUSAL BY GDR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APARTMENTS FOR NEWLY ARRIVED STAFF.

2. PROPOSED TEXTS OF LETTER OF INTENT AND REQUESTED GDR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOLLOW: BEGIN TEXT LETTER OF INTENT: "IN CONNECTION WITH OUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE PAST WEEK CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED STATES EMBASSY, I WISH TO CONFIRM THE INTENTION OF THE U.S., SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS WITH SATISFACTORY TERMS, TO LEASE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES IN BERLIN: (LIST OF PROPERTIES)

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3. "I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THIS LETTER WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE YOU TO PREPARE THE ABOVE LISTED PROPERTIES FOR OCCUPANCY ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 1, 1974." END OF TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT GDR LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. "I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 15, 1974 AND CONFIRM TO YOU THAT THE PROVISIONS OF YOUR LETTER ON THE INTENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS WITH SATISFACTORY TERMS TO LEASE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES IN BERLIN:

A. A TEMPORARY SUITE OF FOURTEEN OFFICES LOCATED AT SCHADOWSTRASSE (CHANCELLERY).

B. A RESIDENCE AT HEINRICH MANN STRASSE 35 (DCMR)

C. A RESIDENCE AT PFEIL STRASSE 10 (SOR)

D. A RESIDENCE AT PFEIL STRASSE 14A (SOR)

E. SEVEN APARTMENTS AT LEIPZIGER STRASSE (SH), TO CONSIST OF FOUR 6-ROOM APARTMENTS, TWO 4-ROOM APARTMENTS AND ONE 3-ROOM APARTMENT

WILL ENABLE US TO PREPARE THOSE PROPERTIES FOR OCCUPANCY ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 1, 1974." END TEXT.

5. SCHEDULED INSPECT PROPOSED PERMANENT CHIEF OF MISSION RESIDENCE AT 1900 HOURS AUGUST 15. PLEASE NOTE C OF M RESIDENCE NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDED IN LETTER OF INTENT.

6. U.S. TEAM PLANNING DEPART BERLIN 0700 AUGUST 16, EXCEPT FOR PETER HAHN, FBO ARCHITECT, WHO DEPARTING AUGUST 17.KLEIN

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